

Welcome to Roots of Faith

We're so glad you're here!

Our CHURCH NURSERY is located downstairs in the classroom on the right for babies and children from Newborn to Pre-K.

Children's SUNDAY SCHOOL is held after the Children's Message during the 10:00am worship service, for children in Kindergarten to Fifth Grade, in the downstairs classroom on the left.

RESTROOMS are available in the church lobby and downstairs.

Faith UMC is One Church in Two Locations and Our Vision is Building Community by Reconciling People with God and One Another!



Painting The Parables

by Rev. Angelique Bradford, Associate Pastor

"He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper." Psalm 1:3

You may have experienced a painting event at a local Painting Studio with family and friends, but you have not experienced an event like this. We had an awesome time during the "Painting the Parables" event held at Roots of Faith. We examined various scriptures that referenced trees. We talked about the way trees are interpreted and how they help our faith to grow closer to God. One familiar tree that we all remembered was the Sycamore which is referenced in Luke chapter 19. What are some familiar verses of scripture that you can recall of a tree that remind you to grow closer to God? I hope you will reflect upon the many ways the love of God is revealed to us through creativity.

Building Community by the Numbers

On 12/19/21, 66 people attended worship churchwide! 54 at Faith (41 in-person, 13 online) and 12 at Roots (8 in-person, 4 online).

News & Announcements

Owlah Service of Repentance & Forgiveness

Sun. 1/2, 10am & 11:30am. Traditionally, Christians kept a vigil to prepare themselves spiritually for a new year by ridding themselves of bad habits, renouncing evil and injustice, and renewing their covenant relationship with God. As we cross the threshold of a new year, we turn to this tradition as an opportunity to reevaluate our lives in light of the future.

Special Charge Conference

All are invited to attend a Special Charge Conference following the 11:30am Worship Service at Roots of Faith on Sunday, 1/9 in order to vote for Stephanie Backus as a Certified Candidate for Ministry.

Remembering Dr. King

Sun. 1/16, 10am & 11:30am. Please join us for a worship & celebration service in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We will also recognize Human Relations Day with a special offering to benefit neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.

Faith Family Night

Mark your calendars for a brand new monthly mid-week program night for all ages at Faith UMC! 2nd Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30pm, Starting February 8th.



6:00pm - Fellowship & Dinner

6:30pm - Devotions & Worship

6:45pm - Activities & Lesson for Kids

6:45pm Speakers & Discussion for Adults

Nursery care provided. Transportation available from Roots at 5:30pm, registration required. Contact Pastor Scott or Pastor Angelique for information.

Give online at www.faithfoxchapel.org/ROFgive

Programs and Ministries

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| Children's Sunday School | Sundays | 10:00am (F) |
| Bible lessons for children in grades K-5 meets after the children's message. | | |
| Circles Sharpsburg | Tuesdays | 6:30pm (O) |
| Anti-poverty program to achieve individual and community goals. | | |
| Virtual Moment of Prayer | Wednesdays | 12:00pm (O) |
| Gathering to lift up congregational and community requests in prayer. | | |
| The Neighborhood Table Dinner | 1st-3rd Thurs. | 6:00pm (R) |
| To-go meals with Legal Clinic 2nd Thu. & Ask the Doctor Clinic 3rd Thu. | | |

Location Key: (F) - Faith Church (R) - Roots of Faith (O) Online

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MERRY
Christmas

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." ~ LUKE 2:14

ROOTS OF FAITH

A Ministry of Faith UMC

800 Main St

Sharpsburg, PA 15215

December 26th, 2021
First Sunday of Christmas

PRELUDE Courtney Lutz, keyboard

GREETING

*OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord, all the earth, from the highest heights to the deepest depths!

People: Let everything sing and shout praise to the Creator!

Leader: Praise the Lord, all the heavens and starry host!

People: All throughout the universe may praise to God abound!

Leader: Come, let us joyfully praise God!

People: Let us live our praise in deeds of loving kindness.

AMEN.

*PSALTER *Psalm 148* UMH 861

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens,
praise the Lord, in the heights!

**Praise the Lord, all his angels,
praise the Lord, all his hosts!**

Praise the Lord, sun and moon,
praise the Lord, all shining stars!

**Praise the Lord, highest heavens,
and all waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded and they were created,
**who established them for ever and ever,
and fixed their bounds which cannot be passed.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,
sea monsters and all deeps,
**fire and hail, snow and smoke,
stormy wind fulfilling God's command!**

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
**Beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

**Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name alone is exalted,
whose glory is above earth and heaven.
**God has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful ones,
for the people of Israel who are near their God.
Praise the Lord!**

*PRAISE SONGS *Joy To The World*
TOMLIN, CASH, HANDEL, WATTS, GILDER

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature
sing

Joy to the world the Savior reigns
Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods
rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

Joy, unspeakable joy
An overflowing well
No tongue can tell

The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay
In fields where they
lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night
that was so deep

Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and
night

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*No matter who you are or where you come from, you are welcome here!
We welcome you to become a part of our Church Family!*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

Offerings may be placed in the basket on the altar table or given online at:
www.FaithFoxChapel.org/ROFgive

OFFERTORY *We Wish You A Merry Christmas* REND COLLECTIVE

We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy New Year

Joy, unspeakable joy
It rises in my soul
Never lets me go

He rules the world with truth
and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love

TRADITIONAL

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came
from country far
To seek for a king was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it
went

This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay

Then entered in those wise men three
Full rev'rently upon the knee
And offered there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and
frankincense

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 2:41-52* NRSV

⁴¹ Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' ⁴⁹ He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God!

CAROL SING *O Come All Ye Faithful* OAKELEY, WADE
We Three Kings HOPKINS
Hark the Herald Angels Sing WESLEY, DOUGLAS, PARKS
O Little Town of Bethlehem REDNER, BROOKS
Glory (Let There Be Peace) STEVENS, MAHER, POPADIC
Noel TOMLIN, CASH, REDMAN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, it's only a few days after the Christmas celebration and we are exhausted. People have come and gone; gatherings are winding down; we are being reminded of the "normalcy" of life returning to us. We don't want to go there just yet. We want to linger in the warmth of the season. Forgive us when we don't seem to feel your warmth in our lives all the time. Forgive us when we assign warmth only to Christmas, and then to Easter and seem to dwell on the mundane the rest of the time. Give us courage to live as people of the Light, those who find your comforting, encouraging presence in our lives at all times. Strengthen us for joyful service in your name. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

People of God, feel the presence of God right now, in this place, warming your hearts, forgiving your fears and strife; preparing you for joyful service. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are beloved and forgiven. AMEN.

CLOSING SONG *Go Tell It On The Mountain* JOHN W. WORK JR.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Courtney Lutz, keyboard

*Please stand if you are able.